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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR RUSMIN COMMENTS ON THE FUTURE OF U.S/
INDONESIAN RELATIONS

1. INDONESIA AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES RUSMIN BRIEFED PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON DECEMBER 27 ON THE CURRENT STATE OF INDONESIA/U.S. RELATIONS AND LIKELY CHANGES AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, RUSMIN STATED THAT HE EXPECTED "NO DRASTIC CHANGE" IN WASHINGTON'S POLICY TOWARD INDONESIA, AND THAT SUCH CHANGES AS DID OCCUR WOULD BE OF "METHOD AND STYLE" RATHER THAN OF SUBSTANCE. HE ALSO SAID THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD GIVEN HIM INSTRUCTIONS TO "SAFEGUARD AND STRENGTHEN" RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

2. RUSMIN INDICATED HE HAD CAREFULLY STUDIED CARTER'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND HIS HISTORY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND IS CONVINCED THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, "WELL-KNOWN AS A MORALIST," WILL LOOK WITH SYMPATHY ON THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WANT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS THROUGH ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE PREDICTED THAT U.S./INDONESIAN TRADE, ALREADY \$800 MILLION
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MORE THIS YEAR THAN LAST, WOULD INCREASE EVEN FURTHER, WHILE INDICATING SOME CONCERN OVER THE EFFECT OF THE RECENT RISE IN OIL PRICES ON BILATERAL TRADE LEVELS. RUSMIN ALSO IMPLICITLY REVEALED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE PRIORITY WHICH INDONESIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD ENJOY UNDER THE CARTER PRESIDENCY, NOTING THAT THE FIRST PRIORITY OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL BE THE U.S. ECONOMY, FOLLOWED BY RELATIONS WITH QUOTE THE GREAT POWERS, EUROPE

AND JAPAN END QUOTE.
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